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MELODRAMA IN THREE ACTS

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WHAT IS MELODRAMA

"Melodrama: a play which does not observe the dramatic laws of cause and effect, which intensifies sentiment and exaggerates expression."

Melodrama is theatre typical of the period from the 1860's thru the 1890's. All of the characters were stereotyped - the sweet and virtuous young heroine, the deep-dyed villain with ferocious mustache, the villaness-slinky, sexy, but with redeeming characteristics always discovered in the last act - the hero, manly but equally virtuous, the widowed mother -always with a mortgage - a conflict between good and evil and good will always win out no matter how bad things may seem.

In this type of play the acting techniques are not subtle or natural. Quite the contrary. Gestures are broad and sweeping, and the actors make their entrances and exits with great flourishes

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"Love Rides the Rails"

Lou Jean Weaver - Director
assisted by Dorothy Lane

Prologue

ACT I

Scene 1	Home of Mrs. Hopewell
Scene 2	On a hilltop near Clinton
Scene 3	Office of Simon Darkway
Scene 4	Railroad yards of Walker Valley, Pinebush & Pacific
Scene 5	Carlotta's chambers at the Paradise Cafe
Scene 6	Railroad yards of Walker Valley, Pinebush & Pacific

ACT II

Scene 1	Home of Mrs. Hopewell
Scene 2	On the hilltop near Clinton
Scene 3	Carlotta's Chambers at Paradise Cafe
Scene 4	Railroad yards of the Walker Valley, Pinebush & Pac.
Scene 5	Bar of the Paradise Cafe

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A Short History of the Players

"Love Rides the Rails" marks the beginning of the third season for the Clinton Community Y Players. Interestingly enough, the first play that the Players presented was also a melodrama, produced by the efforts of a small group, under the guidance of the YMCA program committee. "Only An Orphan Girl" opened, in the round, in the Washington School gym in December of 1965. Rev. Alvin Abbott was the director. Enough interest was generated by this first endeavor to bring about the organization of a little theatre group in this community. The Players met and organized officially in January of 1966 with Al Abbott as the first president.

The horseshow ring of Harry Primmer's Rose Gate Pony Farm was the setting for the hillbilly farce, "Feudin' Over Yonder", a laugh-

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(In order of appearance)

Grace Kimbrough . . . . . Ruby Linderman
Harry Lambert . . . . . Ray Moss
Edith Lambert. . . . . Fran Yeakel
Dr. James Kimbrough . . . . . .Ray Lewis
Charlie . . . . . .Len Freeman
Kate . . . . . Mary Lane
Mr. Foley . . . . . Paul Adams
Mayor Crane . . . . . .Gary Thomason
Policeman . . . . . .Bill Lane

DIRECTOR - STAN STITES
Technical Director - Bob Meltzer

All the action of the play takes place in the living room of the Lambert home in Calverton, Massachusetts

ACT ONE

Scene 1: A Summer Sunday, around noon.
Scene 2: The next day, around six-thirty in the evening.

ACT TWO

Scene 1: Almost six o'clock in the evening, a few days later.

INTERMISSION

Scene 2: Saturday, about noon.

ACT THREE

Late that night.

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ABOUT OUR CAST

Ruby Linderman (Grace Kimbrough) is a newcomer to the Players and is picking up her acting career where she left off in high school.

Ray Moss (Harry Lambert) will be well remembered for his excellent portrayal of "Grandpa" in the Players' production, "You Can't Take It With You." He also appeared in high school productions.

Fran Yeakel (Edith Lambert) a seasoned performer, this is Fran's first starring role. She has done such varied roles as Mrs. Perkins in the Melodrama, "Only An Orphan Girl", Ma Fry, a widow who catches a husband with a love potion, in "A Feudin' Over Yonder," but probably won most of her fame for her scene-stealing performance as Gay Wellington, the tipsy actress in "You Can't Take It With You". Fran is also an expert in the make-up department.

Ray Lewis (Dr. James Kimbrough) first appeared with the Players as the villainous Judd Fry in "Oklahoma". He was also seen as the snobbish Mr. Kirby in "You Can't Take It With You."

Len Freeman (Charlie) a newcomer to the Players, is no newcomer to show business. He is employed as a disc jockey on Radio Station WHOW, and both sings and plays professionally. Len has appeared with amateur theatre groups on both the east and west coasts while in the Marine Corps.

Mary Lane (Kate) will be making her debut on the stage. She has been active in the Players prior to "Never Too Late," as poster chairman on several productions, and most recently was co-stage manager for "Love Rides the Rails."

Paul Adams (Mr. Foley) will also be making his first appearance with the Players. However, he has made numerous appearances with the cast of "The Passion Play" in Bloomington and the stage will not be completely new to him.

ABOUT OUR CAST, CONTINUED

Gary Thomason (Mayor Crane) continues his development of comedy roles appearing as the blustering Mayor Crane. His Mr. DePinna in "You Can't Take It With You," was greeted with the laughter it deserved. He has had minor roles in "Oklahoma" and "A Feudin' Over Yonder." Gary's credits include music director of "Oklahoma", college musical productions of "Carousel," "South Pacific," and "Flying Down to Rio." He played French Horn with the Denver Symphony Orchestra for two seasons and appeared in "The Creation" at the Red Rock Theatre in Denver, Colorado.

Bill Lane (Policeman) began with the Players by playing drums in the combo for "Oklahoma". He now has a musical group of his own. His comic portrayal of Donald in "You Can't Take It With You" was his first time on the boards.

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